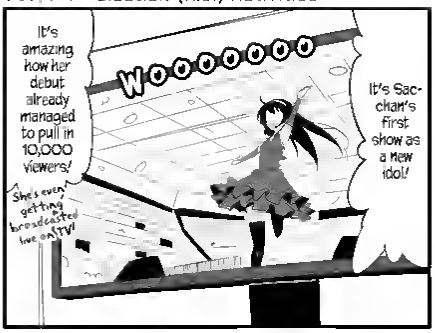

It's amazing how her debut already managed to pull in 10,000 viewers!
She's even getting broadcasted live on TV!
WOOOOOOO
It's Sac-chan's first show as a new idol!

The election, huh...
Isn't there some way to boost my popularity really fast..?
HIKARI'S SLEEPOVER AT HER FRIEND'S HOUSE

This is it...
Hikari, are you listening?

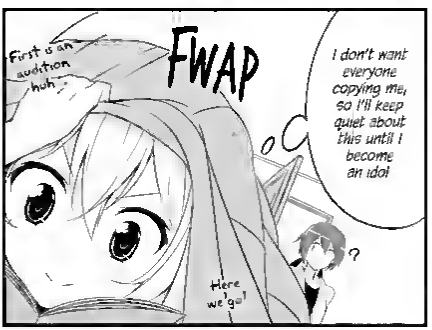
"Live concert?"
HEY HIKARI! THE LIVE CONCERT STARTED!

ウォーウォーウォーウォー

All elementary student applicants require a guardian...
Urgh

SOME TIME LATER
I didn't think there'd be such an easy way to increase my popularity.
Am I a genius?
FWUMP
PUSH

If it was just two years later, I could've taken the audition by myself...
FWUMP


First is an audition huh...
FWAP
I don't want everyone copying me, so I'll keep quiet about this until I become an idol
Here we go!
?

I guess the ages just can't keep up with me.
Why'd I have to come up with this plan while I'm still 11 years old...?

Is she thinking about something fishy again...?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

Am I some kind of genius!?
Oh!
I can just transform into a middle schooler and take it.
REALIZE

TWITCH
DON'T GO OVERBOARD, OKAY?

I'm sorry...
LECTURE
I'm sure you wouldn't like it either if someone rummaged through your things, right, Hikari?

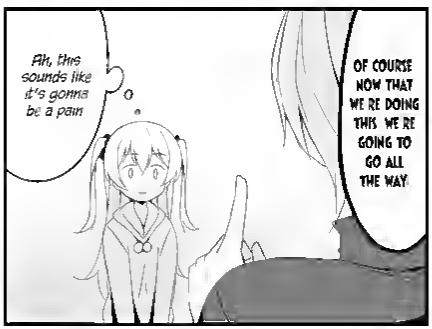
Faking just two years should be fine, right?
I better go find myself some clothes, then!

RELUCTANTLY EXPLAINS HER CASE
Jeez, what am I going to do with you?

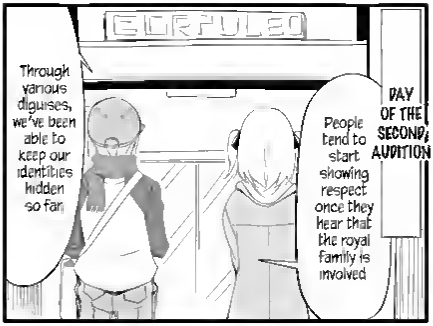
KCHAK
It's a little tight at my chest if I use Akane-chan's clothes, so I'll get some from Misaki-chan's room instead.
Didn't ask for permission

HARU-KUN!
HAPPY
Okay, I'll keep it a secret from the others and help you out
Only this once, okay?

Doesn't she have any exciting clothes in here?
Mmmm, none of these seem to be right

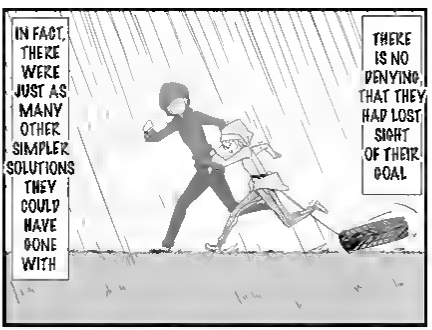

Ah, this sounds like it's gonna be a pain
OF COURSE NOW THAT WE'RE DOING THIS WE'RE GOING TO GO ALL THE WAY

UH OH...


DAY OF THE SECOND AUDITION
People tend to start showing respect once they hear that the royal family is involved
Through various disguises, we've been able to keep our identities hidden so far

TO RAISE HIKARI'S APPROVAL RATINGS
THEY AIM TO PASS THE AUDITION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WITHOUT LETTING THE FAMILY KNOW

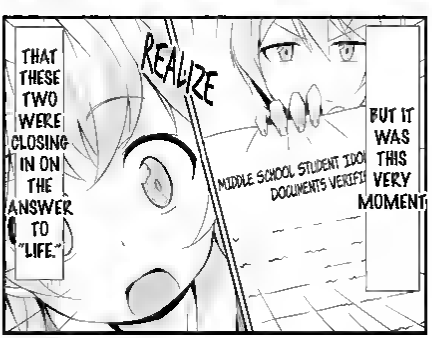
We need to thank your friend for giving us a name to use as well, Hikari
My friend being an idol sounds awesome!
Thanks, Chika!
Princess


THERE IS NO DENYING THAT THEY HAD LOST SIGHT OF THEIR GOAL
IN FACT, THERE WERE JUST AS MANY OTHER SIMPLER SOLUTIONS THEY COULD HAVE GONE WITH

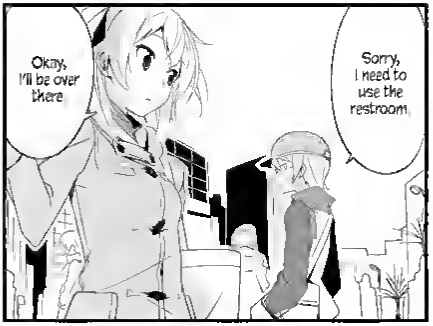
Give them a taste of just how incredibly charming you are that they wouldn't even dare to let you go even if they find out a little about your identity

BUT IS THERE ANY MEANING FOR THEM TO TAKE THOSE SHORT-CUTS?
IDOL AUDITION
ONLY THROUGH HARDSHIP CAN ONE FIND JOY

※ Middle school student mode
The rest depends on you, Hikari Go get them
YES, SENSEI.


BUT IT WAS THIS VERY MOMENT
REALIZE
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT IDOL DOCUMENTS VERIFIED
THAT THESE TWO WERE CLOSING IN ON THE ANSWER TO "LIFE."

Huh? I wasn't found out?
Um... Sakurada... san? I am very sorry
ONKA NATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHO
SAKURADA
FULL NAME
I will take your entry here.
I'M HERE FOR THE SECOND AUDITION!
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT IDOL SECOND AUDITION
We're not taking any elementary student applicants for this audition
You're an elementary student, correct? I wonder if there was a mistake in the photo screening since you're rather big for your age.
You can show your school ID as well.
ID card...?
May I have a look at your ID card?
Oh! Yes!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
VOOOOOM
Make sure to confirm what's on the application next time!
Thank you... Oh, could you perhaps be...
Huh...?
HA?
EH?
My real name's on my school ID..!!
Oh, shoot!


Okay, I'll be over there
Sorry, I need to use the restroom

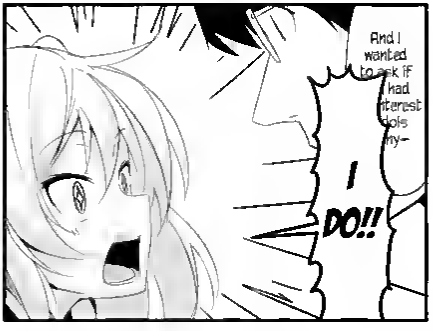
DO NOT ATTEMPT THIS AT HOME
We should've made a fake ID card too, huh...?

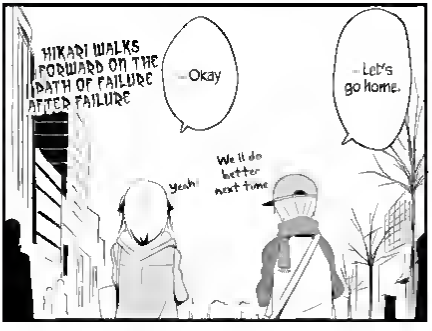
Is she some kind of model? She looks familiar.
Haa... I just don't have any luck, do I...?
Isn't that girl over there pretty cute?

If she had just turned me into an adult, I could've gone to the audition for elementary students as her guardian and there wouldn't have been any problems.
...Then again,

Huh?
I work at an entertainment agency,
Hey there, do you have a moment?

SPACE OUT
...Let's not tell her that...


And I wanted to ask if I had interest idols my-
I DO!!


HIKARI WALKS FORWARD ON THE PATH OF FAILURE AFTER FAILURE
—Okay
—Let's go home.
Yeah!
We'll do better next time

Matsuoka-kun, you came across an amazing girl
I'm Hikari!
That's a fitting name for a star
Ehehe
Ahaha
Girls have a lot of spunk these days, huh? I go by Matsuoka
I really did
I find it more of a mystery that no one had scouted her yet
—Yeah, this might turn out to be really good, after all
FWIP
Maybe she's some kind of princess that isn't allowed to go outside very often
So if you'd like, we can take a look arou—
I'LL GO!
Our office and training facility are right over there,
Have I seen you somewhere before...?
Oh, Sacchan! I saw your live concert the other day!
Hahaha
Doesn't she seem too sophisticated if that's the case?
WHERE DID SHE GO!?
A FEW MINUTES LATER

Oh right, I gave my phone to Haru-kun since it'd get in the way.
Then again I left him behind, too...
I have no recollection of her ever giving it to me! (Haruka's scream)
When exactly!?

So, what do you think? Would you like to try becoming an idol for real?
Yeah! I want to give it a try!

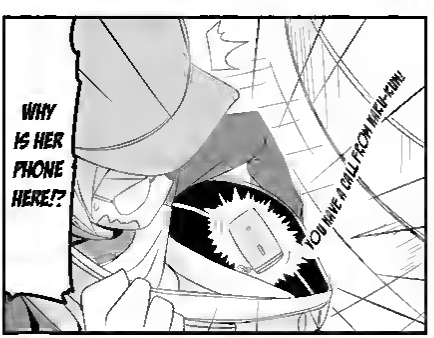
Then, let's call your home directly
May I have your house number?
D-Dear

Great! I know this is sudden, but I'd like to speak with your parents.
Can you call them with your cellphone?
Please wait a moment

Ummm.....

MEAN-WHILE HARUKA IS...
YOU HAVE A CALL FROM HARU-KUN!
Don't tell me Hikari was so shocked that she...
...Hm?

Huh? What was my house number again...?
Seriously? Girls nowadays are really something else...
Hahaha!


WHY IS HER PHONE HERE!?
YOU HAVE A CALL FROM HARU-KUN!

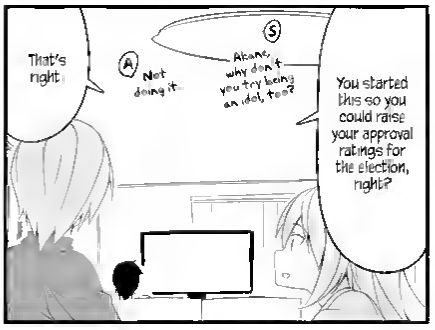
See, pretty big, right?
This is my home!
Eh? I'm cut out to be an idol?
President
Now, now, Matsuoka-kun Being carefree is an important trait for idols to have as well
Huh? I didn't tell you?
Hikari-chan, your family name is...
I want to at least avoid having another agency scooping an outstanding talent like her!
That's true...
MAD
Oh!
HIKARI! WHERE THE HECK DID YOU GO!? I WAS WORRIED, YOU KNOW!!
You sure are easygoing
LALALA
That leaves us no choice! Is it okay with you if we visit your home right now?
Sure, why not?
....
Haruka-sama...
Sorry!
AH.
I'm sorry, I have a recording after this...
Sachan, do you wanna come too?
Totally forgot this was supposed to be a secret from the family!
I'd say she's the kind of girl that gets me worried instead
Our place is big, so no worries!

You announce your debut as a middle school student while you keep your identity a secret from the world, huh?
I'm the new idol Sakuraba Liehi

Your Highness! We have no excuse for the rude hospitality that we provided for Hikari-sama despite our ignorance!
Allow us to offer our deepest apologies!!

Mmm, I was told one thing and another about the kind of customers I'd get as an elementary school idol
It must be nice wearing cute clothes like that Hikari...
I don't really get it though

That said, this must be fate of some kind!
We cannot stand by idly knowing that Hikari-sama has the makings of an idol!!


You started this so you could raise your approval ratings for the election, right?
Akane, why don't you try being an idol, too?
S
Not doing it
A
That's right

We beg of you! Please grant us your blessing, so she can take part in her idol work!!
Come on, it's fine, right?

ISN'T IT POINTLESS SINCE YOU'RE HIDING YOUR IDENTITY?

YEAH, SURE!
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